Month	1998-99	1999-2000	2000-01	2001-02
August	52.78	68.96	84.05	72.09
September	86.32	89.39	90.11	108.16
October	43.15	41.96	43.77	58.46
November	32.82	38.50	54.52	21.08
December	39.27	46.36	27.11	33.40
January	36.60	37.03	36.19	44.17

Encroachments of footpaths by hawkers and unauthorised parking operators

1839. SHRI K.B. KRISHNA MURTHY: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that there has been large-scale encroachments of footpaths, pavements/walkways in Delhi by hawkers and unauthorised parking operators causing hardships for pedestrians;

(b) whether any action has been taken by the Delhi Traffic Police to clear such encroachments; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CHENNAMANENI VIDYA SAGAR RAO): (a) to (c) The removal of encroachments is primarily the responsibility of civic agencies. The Delhi Traffic Police, however, takes action against encroachments which cause obstruction to free flow of traffic. During the year 2001, 9448 unauthorised encroachments were removed from footpaths by Delhi Police and 10873 persons were arrested in this regard.